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1. WE CALLED ON QUAI (DE KERROS) FEBRUARY 9 TO DISCUSS
SUBJECT OF NPW VISITS TO FRANCE AND TO LEAVE AIDE
MEMOIRE BASED ON PARA 4, REF A. RECALLING THAT ALMOST
FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE FRENCH PROPOSED AGREEMENT
TO COVER LIABILITY ISSUES CONNECTED WITH NPW VISITS,
DE KERROS THANKED US FOR U.S. RESPONSE CONTAINED IN THE
AIDE MEMOIRE. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT IT WAS
IMMEDIATELY DISTRIBUTED TO SECRETARIAT GENERAL DE LA
DEFENSE NATIONALE (SGDN) FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION TO
INTERESTED FRENCH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. SGDN WOULD THEN
SUPERVISE INTERNAL GOF COORDINATION IN ARRIVING AT
FRENCH RESPONSE TO AIDE MEMOIRE. DE KERROS UNDERLINED
THAT GENERAL SUBJECT OF NPW VISITS AND SPECIFIC INFOR-
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MATION CONTAINED IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD BE TIGHTLY

CONTROLLED WITHIN GOF.

2. DE KERROS NOTED THAT GOF HAD PRESENTED PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON NPW VISITS LIABILITY TO UK AT SAME TIME FRENCH HAD MADE PROPOSAL TO U.S. IN 1972. SO FAR, HE SAID, UK HAS NOT RESPONDED FORMALLY TO GOF PROPOSAL.

3. DE KERROS SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON OUR AIDE MEMOIRE UNTIL HE HAD CHANCE TO REVIEW IT THOROUGHLY. AFTER GLANCING QUICKLY THROUGH THE AIDE MEMOIRE, HE VENTURED HIS PERSONAL REPEAT PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE GOF WOULD NOW HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT SHOULD CHANGE ITS OWN LAWS THAT COVER THE SUBJECT OF NPW VISITS LIABILITY.

4. COPIES OF AIDE-MEMOIRE POUCHED EUR/WE AND PM.
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